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Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:

- I. Claims 4-18, drawn to a liquid crystal display device, classified in class 349, subclass 99.
- II. Claims 19-24, drawn to a method of driving a liquid crystal display device, classified in class 345, subclass 88.


Inventions I and II are related as product and process of use. The inventions can be shown to be distinct if either or both of the following can be shown: (1) the process for using the product as claimed can be practiced with another materially different product or (2) the product as claimed can be used in a materially different process of using that product (MPEP § 806.05(h)). In the instant case, the method for driving an LCD device in invention II can be used to drive an LCD device having a nematic liquid crystal that are different from those of the LCD apparatus in Invention I, e.g. these shown in Prior Art Figs.10-13.

Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and the search required for Group I is not required for Group II, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

The amendment filed on 04/01/2002 has been received, in which all the examined claims 4-8 has been canceled, newly submitted claims 19-24 has been added.

Newly submitted claims 19-24 are directed to a method of driving an LCD device that is independent or distinct from the invention originally claimed as stated in the restriction requirement.

Since applicant has received an action on the merits for the originally presented invention, this invention has been constructively elected by original presentation for prosecution on the merits. Accordingly, the reply filed on 04/01/2002 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be bona fide, applicant is given ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a). withdrawn from consideration as being directed to a non-elected invention. See 37 CFR 1.142(b) and MPEP § 821.03.


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